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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The status of the Interagency Foreign Language Proficiency Testing Program is as follows: A Modern Language Association Center for test production has been set up at New York University under the direction of Dr. Willmarth Starr. This testing center has submitted a project to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Office of Education, for evaluation leading to a research grant under the National Defense Education Act (see copies attached).

The cost data in the project write-up makes it apparent that there will be much negotiation involved in getting the price down to a level which can be financed by HEW. We believe that these negotiations should begin as soon as possible and will push for them with HEW at the earliest possible date.

2. The Russian Advanced Seminar began on Monday, 16 October.

3. [REDACTED] of TSD borrowed some Polish and Mandarin language tapes to test out a new type of recorder they are developing. He especially wanted to use Mandarin as an example of a tonal language.

4. 10 October was a big day for [REDACTED]. Besides being the "Chinese Fourth of July," it marks the first anniversary of his service with LAS. Last week he added a third reason for celebrating the 10th by completing his naturalization procedures and becoming a U.S. citizen.

5. [REDACTED] is on the sick list for all of this week with a virus infection.

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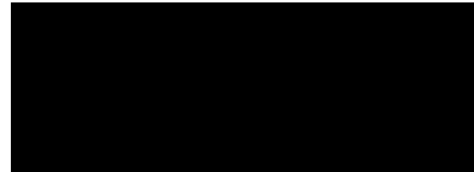
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6. During the past week thirty-four written proficiency tests in Croatian, German, Spanish and Swedish were given. Eleven of the candidates were from DD/P and twenty-three from other components.

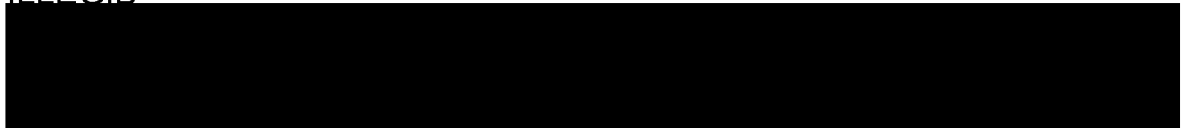
Thirty-one oral proficiency tests in Arabic, Czech, French, German, Polish, Portuguese and Serbo-Croatian were given during the past week. Eighteen of the candidates were from DD/P and thirteen from other components.

Nineteen Language Award Certificates were forwarded to the Registrar during the past week.



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